

Date: September 16, 2009

To: Manatee County Beef Exhibitors, Parents, Leaders and Advisors

From: Christa L. Kirby
Extension Agent II, Livestock

Re: Manatee County Farm City Week Beef Workshop and Prospect Show

Please find enclosed the information for the 6th Annual Farm City Week Beef Workshop and Prospect Show. The event will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2009. Participant check-in and steer weigh-in will be held from 7:30am – 8:15am. We will begin the workshop promptly at 8:30am. This year we are highlighting beef animal health care. Showmanship, grooming and show preparation will continue to be part of the program with a little twist. We will also continue to test the knowledge of the youth with the annual skill-a-thon contest based on information they have been presented from that day. Prizes will be presented to the highest scoring junior and senior participants in the contest.

Lunch will be provided for the participants by the Manatee County Cattlemen's Association once again this year.

The day will conclude with a prospect show for youth participating in the morning workshop. The show will begin promptly at 1:30pm and usually concludes about 4:00pm depending on the number of participants.

We encourage all beef exhibitors and other youth interested in learning more about beef cattle to attend this event. Youth who only participate in the workshop may do so **free of charge**. However, we ask that all participants register so we have an accurate lunch count. Registration fees for youth are \$15 per animal entry. Those wishing to participate in **showmanship only** may do so for a registration fee of \$15. **Participants who are registered for animal classes will be admitted into showmanship classes free of charge.**

Registrations are due to Christa L. Kirby, at the Manatee County Extension Office, 1303 17th St W, Palmetto, FL 34221 by November 6, 2009 to prevent late fees. Registration information may also be found online at <http://manatee.ifas.ufl.edu/livestock.htm>.

We look forward to seeing you November 21, 2009.